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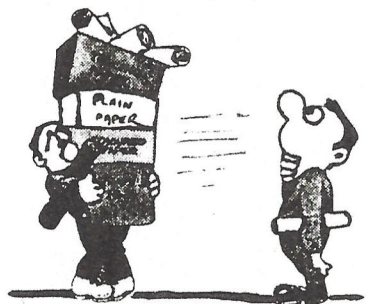
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**NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE
OF AUSTRALIA**



BRISBANE LIONS V MARCONI

THE TEAMS

BRISBANE LIONS

— JASON KEARTON
— FRANK LIEDELL
— ALAN NIVEN
— ALEX CUMMINGS
— NICK MEREDITH
— RUSSELL STEWART
— MARTIN KIRSOPP
— JOHN OGDEN
— DAVID WHEELER
— GRANT LIGHTBOWN
— PETER DWYER
— PAUL HALFORD
— BRETT DRUERY
— RICHARD BASSINGTHWAIGHTE
— DAVID HUNTER
— DAVID HUNTER
— PHILIP KERR
— ROB FARROW

COACH: JUAN CUTILLAS

MARCONI

— BOB CATLIN
— IAN GRAY
— GERRY GOMEZ
— ROBERT WHEATLEY
— TONY HENDERSON
— CRAIG MASON
— TOM MCCULLOCH
— FRANK FARINA
— PETER KATHOLOS
— FRED DE JONG
— STEVE CALDERMAN
— ZLATKO NASTEVSKI
— JOE RIZOTTO
— PETER GUNNING
— BRUCE JAMES

COACH: BERTIE MARIANI



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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear members and guests, once again a hearty welcome to Brisbane Lions Soccer Club for our first home game of the 1988 West End Soccer League against Marconi. I certainly hope that you are looking forward to this game as much as I am, for I am sure that it will contain the same high standard as previous clashes between the two clubs. I would also like to welcome Les Murray and the crew from SBS who are covering this game as their "match of the week". So what ever action you miss today, you will be able to see on SBS tomorrow at 5.30p.m. for an hours' highlights.

To those of you who were here for our game against Wollongong, I extend appologies on behalf of the club for any delays and inconveniences with parking, food and drink facilities. I hope that you will understand when I say that we were hard pushed to have everything completed on time with such a condensed break in between seasons. We hope that these problems will have been eased considerably with extra parking, food and drink outlets and a more organised serving system for the canteen.

Food will also be served upstairs after the game and a band will be playing background music for an hour or so followed by dance music for the party goers. So please join us afterwards to unwind and reflect on the entertaining game that was played.

Yours in sport,
JOHN MORCUS, PRESIDENT

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CLUB PROGRESS REPORT

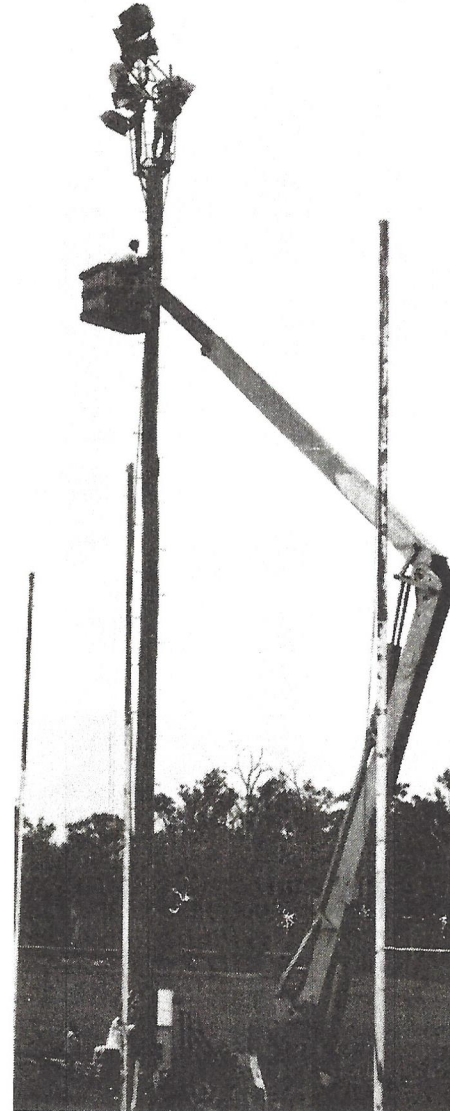
As you no doubt have noticed, the shortened off-season has produced a frenzie of renovative work to the club facilities. We have tried our hardest to get everything ready in time for the start of this season, and we very nearly got there with only minor work to the bar and canteen to be completed.

With this season's very early start, night games were scheduled and so we had to vastly improve our lighting to QSF and NSL standards.

Getting the lights up slowed down work on the extensions to the Den and it was a rush in the last couple of days before the Wollongong game to outfit the canteen, upstairs kitchen and have the trophy showcase ready for all to see. If that wasn't enough work - the office had to be moved downstairs, advertising signs had to be straightened after blowing over during one of the severe afternoon storms and the fields maintained to their current high standard.

So as you can see, it's been a hive of activity and an effort that has been greatly appreciated. To those workers who donated so much of their time, I speak on behalf of the club in extending our greatest thanks and appreciation. You have provided soccer goers with facilities that all should be proud of.

NORTON CHESTER



MEMBERS AND GUESTS

PLEASE NOTE

Dress regulations for the "Den" stipulate that thongs and singlets may not be worn inside.

Would smoking patrons kindly refrain from extinguishing cigarette ends on the carpet.

THANK YOU

TODAY'S GAME

Today is going to be our second match of the West End National Soccer League. The rivals, Marconi, is one of the most stabilised soccer teams in Australia and certainly the one with the best club facilities. When you talk about soccer in Australia, Marconi inevitably comes into the conversation.

We have had a very promising start to our re-entry in the 1988 NSL after being dropped to the Fouxex League in 1986. Victory against Wollongong in the Beach Fashions Cup and a draw against Melbourne Croatia on the ever-difficult ground of Olympic Park, are by all means good achievements. In both games, Brisbane Lions showed a tremendous fighting spirit and determination to win. We know there is a lot of work to be done with the team's performance, but we have to take into account the lack of match fitness prior to the season, and the lack of experience as a result of the many young players who were brought into the team. But let's not fool ourselves, you don't win games on fighting spirit alone, but also with good skills and proper tactical behaviour on the field - and Lions showed plenty of that.

I can honestly say that we should have won our game against Melbourne Croatia. The game was fairly even and Croatia put on a lot of pressure, especially in the second half with the strong wind behind them. However, Lions seldom lost their composure and made Croatia play square for most of the 90 mins. Although they had good chances, these were foiled by the inspired Jason Kearton. On the other hand, Lions was dangerous on the break and also enjoyed some good chances - particularly on two occasions. One resulted in a goal from Dave Wheeler with an accurately placed shot into the corner of the goal from outside the penalty area. The other was that of Lightbown, who with only the 'keeper to beat, was pushed from behind with the blessing of the referee. Five minutes later, Croatia scored with a controversial penalty.

A point away is always a good result, especially against a team of Croatia's potential. Everybody contributed to the success, but Kearton, Stewart, Liddell and Niven had outstanding performances.

This afternoon we will be playing against a team, considered by many, with strong chances of winning the league. This team also boasts several big names in Australian soccer: Frank Farina, Gerry Gomez, Tony Henderson, and David Lowe - just to name a few. Marconi will also be high in confidence after punishing Sunshine George Cross by 6-0 last Sunday.

We will still be missing David Hunter (recovering from his medial ligament sprain) and the New Zealand national player, Paul Halford, but I can assure you that whatever the outcome of the game, we will be giving our very best effort.

JUAL CUTILLAS, COACH



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LOOKING BACK...

with TREVOR MOORE

On the day that the National League returns to Brisbane, it is fitting that the visitors are Marconi, one of only four ever present clubs since the League commenced. It is appropriate for it was Marconi who were the visitors in the first ever NSL Match in Brisbane. On April 3, 1977 a single goal by Peter Sharne was enough to defeat Brisbane City at Perry Park. The Marconi line-up that day was: Maher, Robertson, Degney, Jones, Prskalo, Richards, Sharne, Byrne, Rooney, Carizo and Selva. Current Marconi coach, Bertie Mariani, was used as a substitute for Carizo.

In League matches Lions and Marconi have met 15 times with 4 wins to Lions and 7 to Marconi. In the last League meeting at Richlands in April 1983, first half goals by Danny Wright and Steve Hogg saw off the visitors. Of the 1977 Marconi team, only 'keeper Maher and fullback Degney remained. The rest of the line-up was: Henderson, Budini, Rizzotto, McCulloch, Carbone, Sermanni, Brown, Jankovics and Gionnone.

In Cup clashes Lions hold a 2-1 advantage over Marconi. The 1981 semi-final win at Marconi's Bossley Park was perhaps Lions' greatest ever victory. Two goals by Billy Williamson and one by Col Bennett put Lions three up before Marconi hit back twice. The Lions team that night was: Scanlan, Ontong, Hermiston, Bennett, Niven, Hogg, Ogden, Ferris, Lowe, Daunt and Williamson. The 3-2 win avenged the 1980 1-0 loss to Marconi, also at the semi-final stage. In 1984 an 87th minute penalty by Alan Niven put Lions into the quarter finals at Marconi's expense.

The six goal thrashing of Sunshine George Cross last weekend was not completely unexpected as Marconi have been involved in some of the highest scores in NSL history. In 1977, they annihilated Fitzroy (Heidelberg) 8-1 away in Melbourne. In 1980 they hit nine past new boys Blacktown without reply. Even sweeter was the 7-1 rout of arch rivals Apia-Leichhardt in 1982. Marconi repeated that scoreline away to Penrith in 1984. They have also been responsible for some of the largest

transfer deals in the NSL. In 1987 alone they outlayed \$30,000 for Frank Farina, \$25,000 for Steve Maxwell, \$22,000 for Gerry Gomez and \$20,000 for Tom McCulloch. In December, 1985, Robert Wheatley joined from Blacktown for \$25,000 - an enormous outlay for a defender.

Perhaps Marconi's shrewdest investment was way back in December 1978, when the club paid \$14,000 to Canberra City for Tony Henderson. "Captain Socceroo" as he was known, represented Australia on 51 occasions and is one of a handful of current players who kicked off in the old Philips League in 1977. In two seasons with Canberra, he made 51 League appearances and in May 1987, played his 200th NSL game for Marconi. Now aged 34, he is probably coming towards the end of his playing career. Hopefully, his many talents will not be lost to Australian soccer and he will continue in the game in either a coaching or administrative capacity.

Marconi's first round loss to Apia in the Beach Fashions Cup leaves the club free to concentrate on challenging for their first League title since 1979. No doubt they will be out to emulate Apia's fantastic start to the 1987 season and today's match against a rejuvenated Lions team will provide an excellent indication as to Marconi's title chances this year.

Listed below are a few points of interest on some of the men Lions are expected to face today:

Ian Gray (Midfield) born 22/7/63. Made 86 NSL appearances for Apia before joining Marconi in 1985 in a swap deal for Tom McCulloch worth \$22,000. A Socceroo regular in 1984/85.

Craig Mason (Midfield) born 23/8/58 in Sheffield, England. Signed for \$4,000 in 1984 from Newcastle KB where he played 141 League matches. Once stated his career highlight was playing in the same team as Tony Henderson.

Frank Farina (Striker) born 5/9/64 in Darwin. Played for Canberra and Sydney City before moving to Marconi for \$30,000 in 1987. Now a Socceroo regular and is strongly rumoured to be joining Dutch club Roda Kerkrade, but when?

Robert Wheatley (Defender) born 17/5/62. Signed from Blacktown City for \$25,000 in 1985. A member of the Australian team

in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Has represented Australia six times.

Bruce James (Goalkeeper) born 4/11/58. Joined Marconi from Blacktown for \$8,000 in 1983. Played one match (as substitute) for the Socceroos in Kuala Lumpur in 1983.

Gerry Gomez (Defender/Utility) born 18/8/60. Made his NSL debut in July 1979 for Sydney City where he scored 29 goals in 118 appearances. Represented Australia three times in 1984 and 1985. Came to Australia as a 16 year old from Costa Rica and cost Marconi \$22,000 when transferred from Sydney City.

Tom McCulloch (Midfielder) born 10/2/64. Now in his second stint at Marconi after joining from Sydney City in 1987 for \$20,000. Made his NSL debut against Brisbane City in February 1982. Captained the Young Socceroos in 1983 Mexico campaign and has made 18 international appearances.

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Today marks the 30th anniversary of the air disaster that saw the tragic loss of eight Manchester United footballers as well as club officials and eight newspaper journalists. United had stopped for refuelling at Munich on their return from a European Cup quarter-final against Red Star Belgrade. Two attempts at take-off were abandoned halfway down the snow covered runway because of the captain's concern with the boost pressure on one engine. Shortly after 3pm, the ill-fated third attempt to take-off was made even though it was almost impossible to see out of the windows because of the slush being thrown up and the driving snow. The plane sped straight on past the end of the runway, through a perimeter fence and slid another 200 metres before colliding with a house. Seven players - Bert, Byrne, Colman, Jones, Pegg, Taylor and Whelan were killed instantly. An eighth, the incomparable Duncan Edwards was to fight for his life for 15 days before dying in hospital.

United's legendary manager Matt Busby, suffered horrific injuries and was lucky to escape with his life. It was not until he overheard a clergyman saying that Edwards had passed away, did Busby, still critically injured and semi-conscious, begin to understand that some form of tragedy had occurred. In his

autobiography, Busby recounts how he became fully aware of the extent of the disaster. His wife, Jean, sat at the edge of his bed and as he murmured names one by one, she would either nod or shake her head. One can only imagine the grief which Busby suffered on learning that so many of his "Babes" had perished.

Just how much the crash altered the course of football history is a matter of conjecture. From the ashes of Munich Busby built a team capable of winning the English League in 1965 and 1967 as well as the 1968 European Cup, the club's greatest moment. In the 10 years after Munich, they also finished runner-up in the League three times and won the 1963 FA Cup. If you could somehow have added the talents of the players who perished at Munich, it is likely that United would have dominated English and possibly world football until into the 1970's. They had won the League in 1956 by 11 points with an average age of about 21. In 1957 they won the League again.

Duncan Edwards had played in the First Division when aged 16, he was only 18 when he made his debut for England. Busby, in his 1973 autobiography, wrote that he believed that Edwards would still have been playing for his country even then. He was only 21 when he died. Busby, not noted for making rash statements, considered that Duncan Edwards was the most valuable member of a team he had seen anywhere. Other England internationals who died in the air crash were Roger Byrne, David Pegg and Tommy Taylor. Liam Whelan, an Ireland Representative also perished, and although fellow Irish International Jackie Blanchflower survived the crash, he was never to play again. Thankfull a youthful Bobby Charlton not only survived, but went on to become one of England's greatest ever players.

Real Madrid had won the European Cup in 1956 and 1957 - would United have been able to break Real's stranglehold which lasted until 1960? Similarly, would the 1961 Spurs side have become the first club this century to win the League and Cup double? The recent domination of Liverpool can be traced back to 1962 when Bill Shankly lead them out of the Second Division. They went on to take the First Division twice in four

years as well as winning the 1965 FA Cup. Imagine a full strength Manchester United with the players lost at Munich combined with the emerging talents of Nobby Stiles, Johnny Giles and George Best. Would United have prevented the surge to power of Liverpool or would they merely have delayed it? Sadly we will never know.

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Sydney Olympic	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Wollongong	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Brisbane Lions	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Melbourne Croatia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Adelaide City	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Brunswick Juventus	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Preston Makedonia	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
South Melbourne	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
St George	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Apia-Leichhardt	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Sydney Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Sunshine G.C.	1	0	0	1	0	6	0

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

ROUND 3	Sydney Olympic v Brisbane Lions	(A) Sat, 13th Feb.	7.30p.m.
ROUND 4	Brisbane Lions v Sunshine George Cross	(H) Sat, 20th Feb.	6.00p.m.
ROUND 5	Apia-Leichhardt v Brisbane Lions	(A) Sun, 28th Feb.	5.00p.m.
ROUND 6	Brisbane Lions v Sydney Croatia	(H) Sat, 6th Mar.	6.00p.m.
ROUND 7	Brisbane Lions v Brunswick Juventus	(H) Sun, 20th Mar.	4.00p.m.
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ROUND 2	Sydney Croatia v Brisbane Lions	(A) Wed, 17th Feb.	8.15p.m.



Brisbane Lions and Queensland State Keeper, Rob Farrow in action.